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**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, February 17,  
1821, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe  
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Washington Feby. 17. 1821.

Dear Sir

I regret to have to inform you of the death of Mr. W. Burwell which took place on yesterday after a long & distressing illness. All possible care was taken of him. He was a most virtuous man & estimable member of the H. Reps.

The treaty with Spain has been ratified by her govt. unconditionally, & the grants annulled in the instrument of ratification. It is before the Senate on the question whether it shall be accepted, the time stipulated for the ratification, having expir'd. It is presumed that little if any opposition will be made to it.

There is also some hope that Missouri will be admitted into the Union, on a patriotic effort from the Senators & other members from Pennsyla, Hope is also entertained that our commercial difference with France will be adjusted.

Very respectfully & sincerely your friend James Monroe

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